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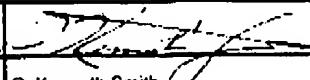
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First named inventor: X. Gao

Application No.: 10/553,328

Art Unit: TBD

Filed: 04/14/2004

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Title: Novel Reagent Compounds And Methods Of Making and Using the Same

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- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee - required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

1. Petition fee

Small entity-fee \$ 770 (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

Other than small entity – fee \$ _____ (37 CFR 1.17(m))

2. Reply and/or fee

A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in the form of preliminary amendment and PTO-2038 (identify type of reply):

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02 FC:2615 75.00 OP

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Notification of Insufficient Fees (DO/EO/US)

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- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of the International Application filed on 10/14/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 10/14/2005
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 10/14/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 04/12/2006
- Oath or Declaration filed on 10/14/2005
- Small Entity Statement filed on 10/14/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 10/14/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 10/14/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 10/14/2005
- Power of Attorney filed on 10/14/2005

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Additional claim fees of \$3900 as a small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$3900 for a Small Entity:

- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$ 3900
 - \$3900 for 42 independent claims over 3.

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U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER NO.	INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.	ATTY. DOCKET NO.
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FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2008

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)

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Complete If Known

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1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fee Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	310	155	510	255	210	105	_____
Design	210	105	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	210	105	310	155	160	80	_____
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Provisional	210	105	0	0	0	0	_____

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Small Entity

Fee (\$)

50 25

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

210 105

Multiple dependent claims

370 185

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
23 - 20 or HP = 3	x 25	= 75	

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Multiple Dependent Claims

Fee (\$)

N/A 0

Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

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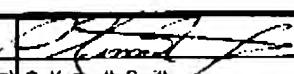
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4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): 1.17(m)

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In Re Application of)
Gao, et al.) Examiner: TBD
Serial No. 10/553,358) Group Art Unit: TBD
Filing Date: 04/14/2004)
Title: NOVEL REAGENT COMPOUNDS)
AND METHODS OF MAKING AND)
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Preliminary Amendment

This is a preliminary amendment to the above referenced case. Attached herewith are: 1) Transmittal letter; 2) copy of the Notice of Insufficient Fees dated 12/08/2006; 3) Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b); 4) Fee transmittal sheet; and, 5) PTO-2038. Applicants do not believe any additional petitions are required; if this is in error, such petitions are hereby made. All fees associated with this response, including additional claims fee (\$75), and the petition fee under 1.17(m) (\$770 for a small-entity) may be charged to the credit card shown on the attached PTO-2038. Applicants do not believe any additional fees are required.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this response.

Conclusions begin on page 5 of this response.

71. (New) The compound of claim 70 wherein n is 0 – 20, m is 0 – 20, n1 is 0 – 20; n2 is 0 – 20; m1 is 0 – 20 and m2 is 0 – 20.

72. (New) The compound of claim 70 wherein A is $-(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2)-$, n is 1; m is 0; and, R₃ is $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CN}$.

73. (New) The compound of claim 70 wherein A is $-(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2)-$, n is 2; m is 0; and, R₃ is $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CN}$.

74. (New) The compound of claim 70 wherein A is $-(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2)-$; n is 3-20; m is 0; and, R₃ is $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CN}$.

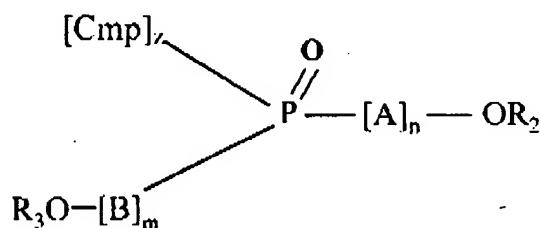
75. (New) The compound of claim 70 wherein A is selected from the group consisting of $-(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2)-$, $-(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2)-$, and grafted $-(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2)_{n1}-(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2)_{n2}-$; n is at least 1; m is 0; and, R₃ is $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CN}$.

76. (New) The compound of claim 70 wherein A is selected from the group consisting of $-(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2)-$, $-(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{ClH}_2)-$, and grafted $-(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2)_{n1}-(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2)_{n2}-$; B selected from the group consisting of $-(\text{OCH}_2\text{ClH}_2)-$, $-(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{ClH}_2)-$, and grafted $-(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2)_{n1}-(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2)_{n2}-$; n is 1 – 50; n1 is 1 – 50; n2 is 1 – 50; m is 1 – 50; m1 is 1 – 50; and, m2 is 1 – 50.

77. (New) The compound of claim 70 wherein A is $-(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2)-$; B is $-(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2)-$; n is 2; m is 2; R₂ is CH₃, or CH₂CH₃; and, R₃ is CH₃, or CH₂CH₃

78. (New) The compound of claim 70 wherein A is $-(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2)-$; B is $-(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2)-$; n is 3-20 and m is 3-20; R₂ is CH₃, or CH₂CH₃; and, R₃ is CH₃, or CH₂CH₃.

79. (New) The compound of the formula:



wherein Cmp is selected from the group consisting of a nucleoside, a nucleotide, an amino acid, a carbohydrate, an oligonucleotide, a peptide, and an oligosaccharide;

A is selected from the group consisting of $-(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2)-$, $-(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2)-$, and grafted $-(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2)_{n1}-(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2)_{n2}-$;

B is selected from the group consisting of $-(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2)-$, $-(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2)-$, and grafted $-(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2)_{m1}-(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2)_{m2}-$;

n is 0 - 50;

n1 is 0 - 50;

n2 is 0 - 50;

m is 0-50

m1 is 0 - 50;

m2 is 0 - 50;

z is at least 1;

R₂ is selected from the group consisting of H, -CH₃, alkyl, phenyl, -CH₂CH₂CN, and -CONH₂;

and,

R₃ is selected from the group consisting of H, -CH₃, alkyl, phenyl, -CH₂CH₂CN, and -CONH₂.

80. (New) The compound of claim 79 wherein n is 0 - 20; m is 0 - 20; n1 is 0 - 20; n2 is 0 - 20; m1 is 0 - 20; and, m2 is 0 - 20;

81. (New) The compound of claim 79 wherein Cmp is a nucleoside or a nucleotide with the 5'-O bond to the phosphorous; and, z is 1 - 15.

82. (New) The compound of claim 79 wherein Cmp is a nucleoside or a nucleotide with the 5'-O bond to the phosphorous; and, z is 1-30.

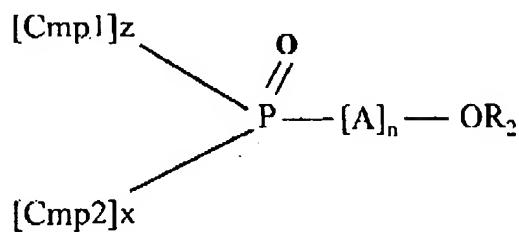
83. (New) The compound of claim 79 wherein Cmp is a nucleoside or a nucleotide with the 5'-O bond to the phosphorous; and, z is 1-100.

84. (New) The compound of claim 79 wherein Cmp is a nucleoside or a nucleotide with the 3'-O bond to the phosphorous; and, z is 1-15.

85. (New) The compound of claim 79 wherein Cmp is a nucleoside or a nucleotide with the 3'-O bond to the phosphorous; and, z is 1-30.

86. (New) The compound of claim 79 wherein Cmp is a nucleoside or a nucleotide with the 3'-O bond to the phosphorous; and, z is 1-100.

87. (New) The compound of the formula:



wherein Cmp1 is selected from the group consisting of a nucleoside, a nucleotide, an amino acid, a carbohydrate, an oligonucleotide, a peptide, and an oligosaccharide;

Cmp2 is selected from the group consisting of nucleoside, a nucleotide, an amino acid, a carbohydrate, an oligonucleotide, a peptide, and an oligosaccharide;

A is selected from the group consisting of $-(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2)-$, $-(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2)-$, and grafted $-(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2)_{n1}-(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2)_{n2}-$;

n is 0 - 50;

n1 is 0 - 50;

n2 is 0 - 50;

x is at least 1;

z is at least 1; and,

R₂ is selected from the group consisting of H, -CH₃, alkyl, phenyl, -CH₂CH₂CN, and -CONH₂.

88. (New) The compound of claim 87 wherein n is 0 - 20; n1 is 0 - 20; and, n2 is 0 - 20.

89. (New) The compound of claim 87 wherein Cmp1 is a nucleoside or a nucleotide with the 3'-O bond to the phosphorous; Cmp2 is a nucleoside or a nucleotide with the 5'-O bond to the phosphorous; z is at least 1; and, x is at least 1.

90. (New) The compound of claim 87 wherein Cmp1 is a nucleoside or a nucleotide with the 3'-O bond to the phosphorous; Cmp2 is a nucleoside or a nucleotide with the 5'-O bond to the phosphorous; z is 1-50; and, x is 1-50.

91. (New) The compound of claim 87 wherein Cmp1 is a nucleoside or a nucleotide with the 3'-O bond to the phosphorous; Cmp2 is a nucleoside or a nucleotide with the 3'-O bond to the phosphorous; z is 1-50; and, x is 1-50.

92. (New) The compound of claim 87 wherein Cmp1 is a nucleoside or a nucleotide with the 5'-O bond to the phosphorous; Cmp2 is a nucleoside or a nucleotide with the 5'-O bond to the phosphorous; z is 1-50; and, x is 1-50.

REMARKS

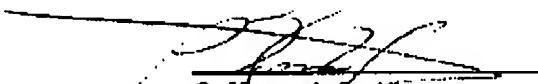
Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-69 have been cancelled and new claims 70-92 have been added. This amendment does not add any new matter. Applicants reserve the right to reincorporate any cancelled or unclaimed subject matter into this or a subsequently filed application as appropriate. Consideration and entry of this preliminary amendment is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance and a notice thereof is respectfully solicited. If any issues remain in connection herewith, or a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss the same. Prompt and favorable consideration of this response is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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